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NEW BALLISTIC VESTS TO BE ISSUED

The Tucson Police Department is proud to announce that on October 4, 2011, new ballistic vests will be issued to department members. Half of the funding to purchase the ballistic vests was awarded through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program, a grant program through the United States Department of Justice. The Tucson Police Foundation, an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the women and men who wear the Tucson Police Department badge, donated matching funds to enable the requirements of the grant program to be met.

On Tuesday, October 4, 112 members of the agency will receive their new vests at no personal expense. These vests will replace aging body armor that the members would otherwise have to replace at their own expense. With body armor having a limited effective service life, this is a significant recurring expense that, especially in the wake of mandatory furloughs and the current economic climate, can often be a financial hardship. Recognizing this, the Tucson Police Foundation stepped in to ensure that our members were not faced with having to balance their safety on the streets against the balance in their checking account.

Members of the media are welcomed to attend this event, which will be held downtown at the Tucson Police Department headquarters between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Representatives from the ballistic armor vendors, the Tucson Police Foundation, and the Department will be available for comments.

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